GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PRESERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to adopt any special technique for water preservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of water likely to be preserved with new technique every year ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Preservation of quality of both surface water and ground water has been given a high priority in the National Water Policy −2002, the revised National Water Policy as approved in the 5th meeting of the National Water Resources Council held on 1.4.2002. This Policy envisages regular monitoring of the water quality, improvement of water quality wherever called for, treatment of effluents to acceptable levels before discharging them into natural streams, maintaining minimum flows in perennial rivers and adoption of the principle of "polluter pays" in order to preserve the quality of water. No quantifying assessment of water likely to be preserved has been made.